

January 30, 2004

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

*Re: AT&T Petition for Declaratory Ruling, WC Docket No. 02-361; Vonage Holdings  
Petition for Declaratory Ruling, WC Docket No. 03-211*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, the CompTel/ASCENT Alliance ("CompTel") hereby gives notice that on January 29, 2004, its representative met with Matthew Brill, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy. In this meeting CompTel explained that the Commission, in order to promulgate a coherent policy with respect to VoIP, should decide the AT&T Petition concurrent with the Vonage Petition for Declaratory Ruling, WC Docket No. 03-211. Since originating access charges are not an issue in either petition—AT&T pays originating access, and Vonage originates service over a dedicated data line—both petitions essentially concern the treatment of traffic that comes off an IP network and is routed for termination on the PSTN. It is, therefore, not only reasonable, but also necessary—in order to avoid an inequitable result—that the Commission decide both the AT&T and Vonage Petitions concurrently. Representing CompTel was the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,

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Sr. Vice President,  
Regulatory Affairs